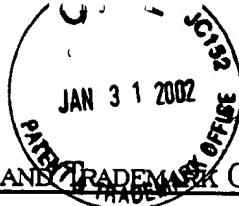




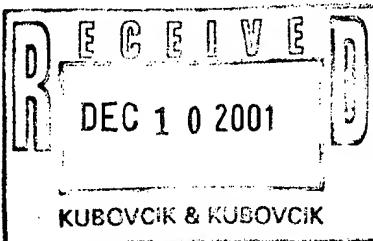
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated December 6, 2001, applicants are submitting herewith the original declaration for the above-identified application.

A check in the amount of \$870.00 is attached hereto for payment of the official filing fee (\$740.00) and the fee for the late filing of the Declaration (\$130.00).

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